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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2003, the time period for response thereto being set to expire October 16, 2003, by virtue of the Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time (and fee) filed herewith, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following remarks and the Rule 131 Declaration of inventors Sandra Austin-Phillips, Richard R. Burgess, Thomas L. German, and Thomas Ziegelhoffer, filed herewith.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.